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The Honorable Cheryl A. LaFleur
Acting Chairman
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

Dear Ms. LaFleur:

The Energy and Commerce Committee is conducting oversight of the safety and security of the nation's energy infrastructure and, in particular, the security of the nation's electric system. As part of this oversight, we have been seeking information from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) relating to its assessment of electric grid security so that we can develop a more thorough understanding of such assessments.

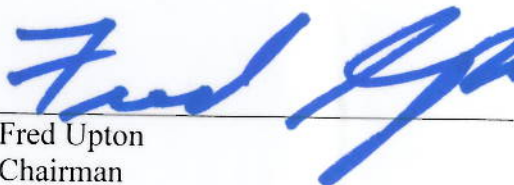
On Wednesday, April 9, 2014, the Department of Energy's Inspector General (IG) issued a Management Alert in which you were requested to take immediate action to ensure certain information relating to electric grid security "is afforded maximum protection." The IG noted that his office is reviewing FERC internal information controls "in response to an alleged leak of modeling studies exposing certain power grid vulnerabilities and on non-public information relating to the investigation of the April 2013 attack on the Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Metcalf substation located just south of San Jose, California." In its preliminary review, the IG confirmed that at least one electric-grid presentation created by FERC staff "should have been classified and protected from release at the time it was created." Moreover, this information may have been inappropriately handled and disseminated.

The IG Management Alert raises questions concerning FERC's management and controls of sensitive information pertaining to the integrity and security of electric grid and other critical infrastructure. In light of this report and our ongoing oversight, we write pursuant to Rules X and XI of the U.S. House of Representatives to request information to help us evaluate the facts and circumstances surrounding FERC's management of information relating to the Metcalf incident and of sensitive security information generally. To assist with this oversight, please respond to the following by May 5, 2014:

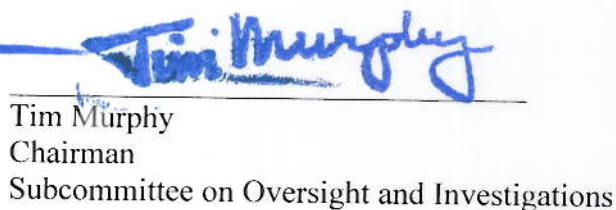
1. Provide the names and titles of all individuals at FERC responsible for the investigation or evaluation of electric grid security, particularly in the wake of the April 2013 attack on the Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Metcalf substation.
2. Provide all internal guidance, instructions, procedures, and evaluations relating to FERC's creation, management, and control of security information relating to the electric grid or critical infrastructure.
3. Provide a list of all FERC assessments, evaluations, or inspections relating to electric grid or critical infrastructure security conducted since January 1, 2012. In that list, identify the date of the assessment, evaluation, or assessment and the name and title of the FERC official or employee who conducted the assessment, evaluation, or inspection.
4. Provide all documents in the possession, custody, and control of FERC containing communications between or among FERC officials, employees, or private parties relating to the Metcalf incident or any assessments, evaluations, and inspections concerning electric grid or critical infrastructure security since January 1, 2012.
5. Provide all documents in the possession, custody, and control of FERC containing communications between and among FERC and Department of Energy officials or employees or contractors concerning the classification of any assessments, evaluations, or other information generated by FERC since January 1, 2012.

We appreciate your prompt attention to this request. Instructions for responding to the Committee's document requests are included as an attachment to this letter. Should you have any questions and to coordinate the transmittal of pertinent classified or sensitive information, please contact Peter Spencer of the Majority Committee staff at (202) 225-2927.

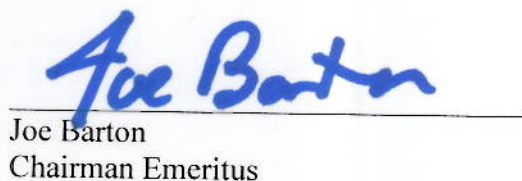
Sincerely,



Fred Upton
Chairman



Tim Murphy
Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

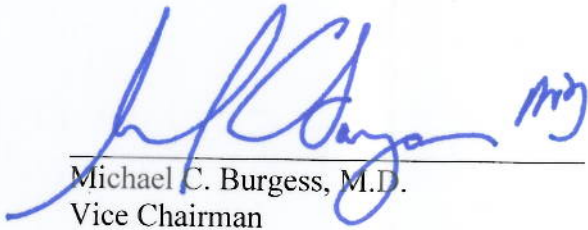


Joe Barton
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Vice Chairman

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Michael C. Burgess, M.D.
Vice Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

Attachment

cc: The Honorable Henry A. Waxman, Ranking Member

The Honorable Diana DeGette, Ranking Member
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